REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant's amendments have corrected the dependency of claims 4 – 6, 8, 14, 15, 22, 25, 28, 37, and 38.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call John Ward at (408) 720-8300, x237.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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